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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Peter PÖCHLAUER et al.

Serial No. 09/834,926

Filed April 16, 2001

PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF
OPTICALLY AND CHEMICALLY HIGHLY
PURE (R) - or (S)- α -HYDROXYCARBOXYLIC
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